

HOUSE BILL 1116

By Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 4, relative to National Fraternal Order of
Police license plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5)(C), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be appropriately designated:

() National Fraternal Order of Police members;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-245, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is certified as a member of the National Fraternal Order of Police, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a registration plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b)

(1) The application for these registration plates shall be accompanied by a statement from the National Fraternal Order of Police certifying the applicant to be a member of the organization.

(2) Only full-time paid or retired law enforcement officers or their spouses who are members of the National Fraternal Order of Police shall be permitted to receive such registration plates.

(c) The registration plates provided for in this section shall bear the inscription "FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE" or "FOP" and an appropriate standardized insignia of the organization.

(d)

(1) Within thirty (30) days of terminating membership in the National Fraternal Order of Police, an applicant to whom a registration plate has been issued pursuant to this section shall surrender the plate to the county clerk of the county of the applicant's residence.

(2) The National Fraternal Order of Police shall provide biannually to the department the names and addresses of any persons who have terminated their membership in the National Fraternal Order of Police, together with any other identifying information as the commissioner may require.

(e) Funds produced from the sale of National Fraternal Order of Police new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police Charitable Foundation in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the issuance and renewal of all National Fraternal Order of Police members license plates on or after such date.